



## Workshop on Data Sharing

### Between Mine Action and other Humanitarian Sectors

Co-hosted by UNMAS and GICHD

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#### Introduction

This workshop is proposed under Strategic Objective 4 of the Mine Action AoR Work Plan to **‘promote and enable sharing of data on mine action, including victim assistance, and other protection issues with Global Protection Cluster partners to improve analysis and protection strategies.’**

To prioritise their clearance or risk education activities, mine action organisations need data collected by other humanitarian organisations such as patterns of refugee/internally displaced persons movement, trends in trauma casualties, and other indicators of contamination observed during field visits. In turn, other humanitarian organizations can reduce risk to their operations and improve protection by factoring data collected by mine action actors in their analysis. Data sharing can help to prioritise resource allocation and streamline non-technical surveys conducted at the request of humanitarian partners. Therefore, protection outcomes could be greatly improved if mine action organisations and other humanitarian organisations shared critical data and analysis more systematically. As noted in the IASC policy on centrality of protection, shared analysis is key to prioritise protection issues that the Humanitarian Country Teams need to address collectively. We hope to identify concrete data sets to be shared and establish as best practice, ultimately improving mine action and other humanitarian operations.

#### Event Objectives

The aim of this two-day workshop is to share lessons learned and best practices in data sharing between Mine Action and Humanitarian Clusters. The objectives are to:

1. Make the mine action and partner communities aware of one another’s data holdings.
2. Think through how these data holdings can be used to increase effectiveness and efficiency in the respective sectors.
3. Raise awareness of the way in which these linkages between data holdings can be made (both from technical and political/institutional perspective).
4. Establish a Mine Action Information Management Community of Practice to develop and implement these practices.

## Participants

Personal invitations will be sent to members of the Mine Action AoR, and cluster coordinators with expertise in data exchange and analysis. Representatives of the following sectors and clusters will be invited: Global Protection (particularly the Child Protection and Housing, Land and Property AoRs), Education, Shelter and Camp Management, Food Security and Logistics, Health and Disability Inclusion.

## Agenda

Day	Time		Session	Facilitator/Presenter	Objective/Output
Day 1	AM	Why?	<b>Benefits of Data Sharing</b> Presenting case studies that showcase good practices of data sharing in the humanitarian sector.	Invited speaker(s)	Demonstrate what's possible, set the scene by providing some inspiration for what can be achieved.
	PM	What?	<b>Who has what data</b> Through lightning talks and an information fair, organisations share what data they <b>have</b> , and what data they <b>need</b> .	All	A common understanding amongst the participants on use of each other's data, what data is available and what tools/platforms can help facilitate sharing and understanding.
Day 2	AM	How?	<b>How can we leverage each other's data?</b> * Technical challenges & solutions; * Standards; * Institutional Issues.	Group Work	Understanding how partnerships could share data, with awareness of the methods of <b>access</b> and challenges to be overcome.
	PM		<b>Use of Data</b> Recognising and imagining the potential from sharing and re-using data.	Group work	Blue sky thinking – if there were no barriers to sharing data amongst the AoR what would we achieve?
	PM	When?	Lightning talks on partnership ideas.	Presentations by groups	Initial plans to take forward data sharing between cluster partners.  Proceedings on the workshop will document "leveraging one another's data: current practice and opportunities".

## Key questions

- What is currently happening in terms of data exchange between mine action and other organisations?
- What are the key data/trends that MA have and others need to plan and deliver better?
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- What are the current platforms to exchange this data and what are their limitations? Can pre-existing databases be connected?
- IMSMA, the information-management system on mine action records very useful data. However, it is owned by national authorities and confidential. What part of IMSMA can be integrated with other databases?
- What data is considered classified or withheld due to security concerns, and how much can be shared with relevant humanitarian organisations and affected people?

## Useful Links

- <https://data.worldbank.org/> - Existing database on a wide variety of humanitarian data.
- <https://www.esri.com/about/newsroom/arcnews/taking-the-next-technological-steps-in-eradicating-land-mines/?platform=hootsuite> (GICHD announcement of IMSMA).